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## Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

### DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Giard (5671481). Giard teaches a wallet shaped to fit in front trousers pocket having rounded tapering around one edge as claimed.

Regarding claim 2, note the two diagonal legs as claimed.

Regarding claim 3, note the when the wallet is folded in the position as shown in Fig. 6, the wallet in 13 would have an outer panel, an inner panel and a separator panel. Note that when the wallet is folded portion 210 in Fig. 13 would have two separator panels as claimed fastened along the seam 40.

Note the internal panel in Fig. 11.

2. Claims 4-6, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Giard in view of Sandos (4209048). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide an internal panel in Giard as taught by Sandos (note the couple layers in each of the inner and outer panels) to provide added strength.

With respect to the pockets, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide added pockets in Giard (note pockets 64, 60) to provide added storage.

3. Claims 7 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Giard rejection, as set forth in paragraph 2, and further in view of Jacks (5341972). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a pocket with a slot for a key as taught by Jacks to accommodate a key.

4. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Giard rejection, as set forth in paragraph 2, and further in view of Williams (4570688). It would have

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been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a transparent pocket in Giard as taught by Williams to enable one to see the inside contents.

5. Claim 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri M. Mai whose telephone number is (571)272-4541. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Newhouse can be reached on (571)272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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